

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed August 24, 2005, the Examiner had issued a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121), indicating that the following guidelines were not adhered to - “Amendment to the claims: C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, … by using one of the following 7 status identifiers: (Original), (**Currently** amended), (Cancelled), (Withdrawn), Previously presented), (New) and (Not entered).” Applicants have revised the following Substitute Amendment, identifying the claims with the proper status identifier as required.

As indicated in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, this response has been mailed within the one-month response time.

In the Office Action mailed May 31, 2005, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 13, 16, 24, 26, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Takahashi et al., and rejected Claims 6-8, 21, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi et al. in view of Applicant’s cited prior art (EP 0 798 116). Further, Claims 2-5, 9-12, 14, 15, 17-20, 22, 25, and 28-30 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this paper, Claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 22-24, and 28-30 have been amended to more particularly point out that which the Applicant regards as the invention by rewriting Claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 13, 17, 18, 22-24, and 28-30 in independent form. Claims 1, 16, 21, and 27 have been cancelled without prejudice, and Claims 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20, 25, and 26 are now dependent upon allowable claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 13, 17, 18, 22-24, 28-30, and Claims 4-15, 19-20, and 25-26 dependent thereon, which are the claims remaining in this Application are now allowable.

Applicant is not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.99.

This Application is now believed to be in condition for favorable reconsideration and early allowance, and such actions are respectfully requested.

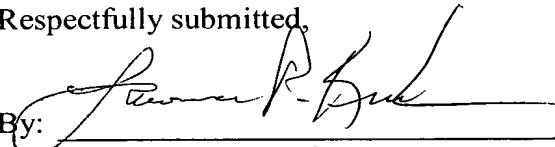
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company, Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

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